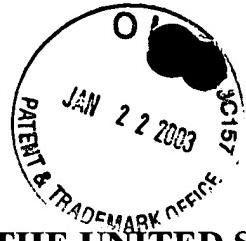


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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

In response to the Office Action dated 10/16/02 with respect to the above-identified application, the Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the instant application in view of the following response.

**REMARKS**

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C §102(a), as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Yamada et al. is respectfully traversed.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C §102(a), as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over JP 10-188970 (JP '970) is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that the cited prior art forms their respective heterogenite materials by heating to a temperature as indicated on page 3 of the Specification. The Applicants respectfully